G.S.I. and other agencies, a cumulative total of 1,92,359.15 million tonnes of coal reserves have been estimated as on 1.1.91. compared to a total of 1,86,044.24 million tonnes of coal reserves estimated as on 1.1.90. showing an increase of 6314.91 million tonnes. No coal deposits have yet been established in the state of Kerala.

Air bus A-320

5428. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL:
SHRI SIMON MARANDI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state;

(a) the quantum of financial loss incurred so far as a result of the decision of the Government to ground the fleet of Air bus A-320;

(b) whether any responsibility for this loss has been fixed and if so, the details there and the action taken against those found guilty; and

(c) whether the pilots are now fully trained to ply Airbus A 320?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). The total loss to Indian Airlines during 40 weeks of grounding is estimated at Rs. 171.60 crores. The decision to keep the A-320 aircraft grounded was taken at the level of the Cabinet.

(c) Yes, Sir.

New Terminal Building at Calcutta Airport

5429. PROF. ASHOK ANANDRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of new international terminal building at the Calcutta airport has been completed;

(b) whether there is any proposal for the introduction of new international flights through Calcutta airport; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) (a) No,Sir.

(b) and (c). Romanian Airlines (TAROM) has recently started a biweekly service on the Calcutta-Abu Dhabi-Bucharest sector.

[*Translation*]

Irregularities in allotting LPG Agencies

5430. SHRI SURYA NARAYAN YADAV: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received complaints about the large scale irregularities committed in the allotment of LPG agencies during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details in this regard concerning Bihar and the action taken thereon; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to check such irregularities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) to (c). No large scale irregularities have been brought to the notice of Government. Individual complaints when received are investigated.

LPG Agencies and petrol pumps in Haryana

5431. SHRI RAM PARKASH CHAUDHARY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of petrol pumps and LPG

agencies allotted in Haryana during the last six months, district-wise and the locations thereof; and

(b) the number of agencies out of them, which have been allotted to the persons belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR):

(a) **Retail Outlet Dealerships**

1) Faridabad

2) Gurgaon

LPG Distributorships

1) Panchkula

2) Samalkha

These allotments are being reviewed by the Government.

(b) Nil.

[*English*]

Tourism Policy

5432. SHRI V. N. SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tourism policy was formulated in 1982 by the Government;

(b) if so, the details of changes made in the policy so far;

(c) whether it is now proposed to make certain changes in the policy to attract more foreign tourists; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). The Government are in the process of formulating an Action Plan for Tourism which may necessitate some policy changes.

[*Translation*]

Renovation of 'Palace on Wheels'

5433. SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA:
SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the coaches of the train, the 'Palace on Wheels' have outlived their utility;

(b) if so, the schemes of the Government to continue its operation for the convenience of the tourists;

(c) whether there is any proposal to provide funds for the renovation thereof; and

(d) if so, the extent thereof and the time by which it is proposed to be allocated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir. They have outlived their life.

(b) to (d). A new air-conditioned rake is under manufacture to replace the existing rake.

Koel Karo Project

5434. SHRI LALIT ORAON: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state the amount spent on the Koel-Karo project in Bihar by the Union Government till date?